(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangalore police has recently unearthed a massive racket in which kidneys of nearly 1000 unsuspecting persons had been removed in a leading city hospital for sale in West Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of doctors involved therein and what action Government propose to take against them.

(c) how many other kidney transplant scandals have come to Government's notice from other States; and

(d) what deterrent punishment Government propose to impose on such doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Karnataka, based on the complaints regarding illegal removal of kidneys from unsuspecting blood donors in Karnataka, two FIRs have been lodged naming DR. Siddaraju as an accused on 21-1-95 and 29.1.95 respectively. Dr. Siddaraju was arrested and later released on bain. Dr. Siddaraju has also been placed under suspension. Two other doctors, namely Dr. Ramachandrappa and Dr. Adil Ahmed have been deregistered by the Karnataka Medical Council. However no information is available with the Government regarding sale of kidneys in West Asia.

(c) Recently, the case of some people of Uttar Dinajpur district of West Bengal who were reported to have become victims of unscrupulous commercial dealings in Bombay has also come to the nature of the Government.

(d) The respective State Governments are making investigation into the cases and are expected to take appropriate action.

World Bank Assistance for Malaria Control

631. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek World Bank assistance for controlling Malaria and for various community health programmes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) A proposal seeking World Bank Assistance for the control of malaria in the tribal areas of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan is under formulation.

Surveillance Centres for AIDS

632. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has directed Government to start Surveillance Centres for detection of AIDS; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.